

Application No. 09/896,565

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1) deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2) added matter is shown by underlining.

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 10-16.

1.-16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) A lock for a lid that selectively opens and closes a box, wherein one of the box and the lid is a first part and the other is a second part, the lock comprising:

a latch provided on the first part, wherein the latch engages a catch, which is on the second part, to prevent the lid from opening when the lid is closed;

a holding member, which moves between a locking position and an unlocking position, wherein the holding member engages the latch at the locking position and is disengaged from the latch at the unlocking position;

a first manipulator for opening the lid from an outer side of the box when the lid is closed, wherein the first manipulator moves the holding member from the locking position to the unlocking position;

a key lock mechanism, movable by an externally manipulated key, between an unlocked position and a locked position, and which shifts the holding member between an operational position, at which movement of the holding member by the first manipulator is enabled, and a non-operational position, at which movement of the holding member by the first manipulator is disabled;

a second manipulator for opening the lid from an inner side of the box when the lid is closed, wherein the second manipulator moves the holding member from the locking position to the unlocking position; and

said second manipulator having a predetermined fragile portion that is broken due to excessive force applied to the second manipulator, such that when said second manipulator is broken, said key lock mechanism and said holding member remain operational.

18. (Currently Amended)[[:]] The lock according to Claim 17, further comprising a member concentrating the force in the predetermined fragile portion.

19. (Currently Amended)[[:]] The lock according to claim 17, wherein said predetermined fragile portion includes a notch formed in the second manipulator.